

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
OCTOBER 21ST, 2013 CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
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ACTION ITEMS AND DECISIONS

ACTION: WQGIT members will be asked to approve the draft language for the State of the Program Report when it is distributed via email.

DECISION: WQGIT members approved the formation of an Agricultural Forecasting Subcommittee.

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Confirm Call Participants and Updates

- Jenn Volk, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone to the second WQGIT call in October.
- The three Agricultural BMP panel reports for Conservation Tillage, Cover Crops and Nutrient Management were approved at the Goal Team call last week on 10/15/13.

2. Shallow Water Assessment in the Open Water Designated Use

- Peter Tango (USGS) presented the [recommendation for Shallow Water Assessment](#) in preparation to request a final decision from the WQGIT at the November meeting.
- Peter will be sharing the chapter with WQGIT at the beginning of November and asking for approval at that time?

3. Forestry Workgroup Buffer Paper

- Sally Claggett (USFS) provided an update on the status of the Forestry Workgroup's buffer paper.
- Claggett: A draft of the riparian buffer BMP paper will be written soon. The paper addresses the recent decrease in implementation as well as where the buffers have been put in.
- Claggett: Tentative plan is for the paper to be out for review within the next two weeks. The Forestry Workgroup will review the draft, which will then be provided to the WQGIT in draft form for comment.

4. State of the Program Report Draft Language

- Lucinda Power (EPA): Each goal team has been asked to provide a summary of their activities over the past year for the annual State of the Program Report. Activities will include BMP verification, the pollution indicator, and Midpoint Assessment updates. Additions are welcomed from goal team members. The language is currently being revised by the Chesapeake Bay Program's communications Office and revised, draft language for this report will be distributed for Goal Team approval. Due to the tight timeline, we will most likely be asking for approval over email.

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5. Forecasting Subcommittee Approval

- Mark Dubin (UMD) gave an overview of the [subcommittee to address agricultural forecasting](#), which was proposed at the September WQGIT meeting. This proposal was supported by the Agricultural Modeling Workshop this spring, as well as the Agriculture Workgroup.
- Emma Giese (CRC): The Land Use Workgroup discussed this at their September meeting and was supportive of the group's formation.
- Marel Raub (CBC): Is the work contingent on this group securing outside funds?
 - Dubin: There may be opportunities to conduct some of the work without funding; however, at a slower pace and a smaller scope.
- James Davis-Martin (VA-DCR): When would the results be available?
 - Dubin: Ideally the results would be available during the Phase III WIP development.
- Volk: Is anyone opposed to approving formation of the subcommittee?
 - Davis-Martin: No problem with approving the group. However, note the concern that there are already plenty of tasks for the Midpoint Assessment, which were agreed upon by the WQGIT last year.
 - Volk: Noted that this concept is new; however, land use issues were consistently ranked a high priority during Midpoint Assessment discussions.
 - Dubin: The group will also be discussing livestock trends in agriculture projection, which is related to the Midpoint Assessment priority of improving model data inputs.
 - Bill Angstadt (DMAA): Recommend first addressing the historic data before addressing the forecasted data.
 - Dubin: Establishing correct base trends is an ongoing priority for the Agriculture Workgroup, the Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee and the WQGIT, and that effort is moving forward. However there are additional partners who are willing to take on the future forecasting issue.
 - Ted Tesler (PA DEP): Recommend that forecasts be checked on to see how they perform, which will help improve forecasting methods in the future.
- Volk: Will the Agricultural Forecasting group be short term or ongoing?
 - Dubin: May need to re-assess further down the road, due to the amount of work to be done.
- Pat Buckley (PA DEP): Who will serve on this group?
 - Dubin: The membership will likely include the state departments of agriculture, private industry representatives, and USDA-ERS.

DECISION: WQGIT members approved the formation of an Agricultural Forecasting Subcommittee.

Adjourned

Next WQGIT Conference Call:

November 12, 2013

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Participants

Jennifer Volk (vice chair)	U Delaware
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Lucinda Power (Coordinator)	CBPO
Karl Berger	MWCOG
Karl Blankenship	Bay Journal
Patricia Buckley	PA DEP
Sally Claggett	USFS/CBPO
Peter Claggett	USGS
Lee Currey	MDE
Dinorah Dalmasy	MDE
James Davis-Martin	VA DCR
Sarah Diebel	DOD
Mark Dubin	CBPO/UMD
Rebecca Hanmer	Retired Citizens Advisory Committee
Steve Hann	HRMML
Teresa Koon	WV DEP
David Koran	USACE
Jackie Lendrum	NY DEC
Beth McGee	CBF
Bruce Michael	MD DNR
Jamie Mitchell	HRSD
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Ted Tesler	PA DEP
Tom Thornton	MDE
Jennifer Tribo	Hampton Roads
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Gary Shenk	EPA
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Pat Gleason	EPA
Ruth Izraeli	EPA
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Bill Angstadt	Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Association